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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the patent term adjustment be corrected from granted 125 days to 316 days for the reasons detailed below.

The basis for the correction of the patent term adjustment is 37 C.F.R § 1.702(a)(1). Under § 1.702(a)(1), a patent term shall

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be adjusted if the issuance of the patent was delayed due to the failure of the Office to: (1) mail at least one of a notification under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151 not later than fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 in an international application.

The relevant dates as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) are as follows:

- The present application was filed in the U.S. on September 18,
 2001.
- Fourteen months after the filing date of September 18, 2001, is
 November 18, 2002.
- A response to the first Office Action dated July 8, 2003 was filed on August 4, 2003.
- A subsequent notice of allowance was mailed on March 3, 2004.
- The notice of allowance states that the patent term adjustment to date is 125 days.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) and (f), the period of adjustment is 232 days, which is the number of days in the period beginning on November 18, 2002, (fourteen months from the day the requirements under § 371 were fulfilled) and ending on July 8,

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2003 (the mailing date of first Office Action notice of allowance).

In addition, a PTO delay of a further 90 days (beyond the mandated 4 months response frame) was incurred between the date of receipt of the response to the first Office Action (August 4, 2004) and the subsequent mailing of the Notice of Allowance dated March 3, 2004.

Applicant enclosed a copy of the Patent Term Adjustment History from the PAIR system. Applicant contends that the Applicant delay indicated of 197 days is erroneous as 191 days of this delay was due to the misplacement by the PTO of Information Disclosure Statement originally filed on February 5, 2003. Hence, Applicant contends that Applicant Delay should only be 6 days which elapsed before response to Notice of Incomplete Application Papers filed on January 25, 2002.

In summary, Applicant contends that the Patent Term Adjustment should be 316 days (PTO Delays (232 + 90 = 322), less Applicant Delay of 6 days = 316).

The patent issuing from this application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

There were no circumstances during the prosecution of this application that constitute a failure to engage in reasonable

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efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

Accordingly, correction of the patent term adjustment to 316 days is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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